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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takayuki KONDO

Group Art Unit: 2874

Application No.: 10/673,444

Examiner: P. PALMER

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Docket No.: 116955

For: OPTICAL INTERCONNECTION CIRCUIT, MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF, ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 9, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-33 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 22-33 are allowed, and claims 3-21 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,650,123 to Saini et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Saini discloses a light source 14 (LED, laser), a detector 16 (photodiodes), and a waveguide 20. See Figs. 1A and 1B, and col. 2, lines 34-37. Saini discloses that the source 14 and the detector 16 are embedded in substrate 12. See col. 2, lines 8-12 and lines 37-41. Saini does not disclose fixing the source 14 or the detector 16 to the substrate 12 by an adhesive. Thus, Saini does not disclose or suggest a first element or a second element that is